



*Maryland Attorney General's*  
**COVID-19 Access to Justice Task Force**

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**MINUTES**

**Housing Security Committee: Renters' Issues Subcommittee**

**July 29, 2020 10AM**

1. Open Meetings Act Discussion
2. Introduction of new members
3. Developments since last meeting
  - a. Eviction moratorium lifted last week
  - b. Recommendations for extension sent last week
4. Identification & discussion of Committee goals
  - a. How to use CRF money
    - i. Need proposal in two days
    - ii. Rental assistance?
    - iii. Discussion of diversion points of eviction process
      1. May be best to put funds on the front end- prior to suit being filed
    - iv. Public outreach promotional/informational costs
      1. Specifically providing notice to tenants as early as possible
    - v. Funding online forum for neighborhoods
      1. Using Zoom and experts advice; NextDoor
    - vi. Consider NY Triage Model
      1. Divide tenants based on specific issues
      2. Day-of services: volunteer attorneys work with tenants; onsite ADR; eviction prevention
  - b. Effort to promote resources
    - i. Those that already exists and new ones
    - ii. Crucial: getting information to people early on
      1. Look at statutes-- notice requirements
  - c. Consumer Committee guest
    - i. Provide support for those who have been sued; during lawsuit; and post-judgment
    - ii. Micro-site to deal with debt issues
    - iii. Create a Hotline with the Consumer Committee? (in future)

1. Similar to HOPE Hotline for Housing, but for debt collection
2. Needs assessment needed

5. Deliverables

- a. Come up with proposal

6. Next meeting: 8/12/2020 10AM